

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 30, 2006. Claims 11 to 13, 17, and 18 are in the application, with Claims 11 to 13 and 17 being independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation that Claims 17 and 18 have been allowed. These claims have not been amended herein, and thus are believed to remain in condition for allowance.

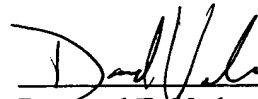
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 11 to 13. In keeping with this indication, Claims 11 to 13 have been rewritten in independent form, and Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 10, 14 to 16, 19, and 20 have been cancelled.

Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 10, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Jackson article (Jackson) in view of the Parikh article (Parikh). Claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Jackson in view of Parikh, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,326,640 (Shi). Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Jackson in view of Parikh, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,625,199 (Baumbach). The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejections, but rather to secure an earlier allowance. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejections.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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